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SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM EXTENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER

ON FRIDAY, MAY 2, President Ford signed Public Law 94-20, which extends the Special Food Service Program for Children through Sept. 30. The program was due to expire on June 30.

The regulations governing this year's summer program will be the same as those in effect for the 1974 program. However, FNS has increased the rates of reimbursement for the summer program according to provisions of the law.

The maximum reimbursement is now set at 40 cents for a regular meal and 13.25 cents for supplemental food or snacks. Last year the maximum rates were 36 cents for a regular meal and 12 cents for supplemental food.

There are also new rates for special assistance available in instances where all or nearly all children participating in a summer program need free meals and the program sponsor cannot meet this need. These maximum rates are 81.25 cents for a regular meal and 21.25 cents for supplemental food; last year they were 73 cents and 19 cents.

USDA has tentatively allocated \$58.7 million to States to operate their summer programs.

FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENTS TO INCREASE JULY 1

ON JULY 1 food stamp allotments and maximum income eligibility standards will increase by approximately 5 percent. For example, the allotment for

a four-person household will increase from \$154 to \$162 a month, and the maximum income eligibility level from \$513 to \$540 per month.

The Food Stamp Act, as amended by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-86), directs that coupon allotments be adjusted semi-annually. Maximum income eligibility standards are based on allotments and are, therefore, adjusted at the same time. Allotment adjustments are based on the cost of USDA's Economy Food Plan as it is computed from Bureau of Labor Statistics food prices. Adjustments are made each July based on the cost of the Economy Food Plan in the preceding February, and in January based on the cost of that plan in the preceding August.

The cost of the Economy Food Plan for Feb. 1975 was \$162 for a family of four with schoolchildren. Accordingly, USDA will raise the value of the coupon allotment for a four-person household from \$154 to \$162 and make appropriate adjustments for other household sizes. In line with the Congressional intent expressed in House Report 94-2, purchase requirements will not be changed, except for households in the top monthly net income brackets.

Maximum income eligibility standards based on household size starting July 1, 1975 are:

One Person	--\$215	Five Persons	--\$640
Two Persons	-- 300	Six Persons	-- 740
Three persons	-- 427	Seven Persons	-- 833
Four Persons	-- 540	Eight Persons	-- 926

FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENTS AND PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS (Effective July 1, 1975)

48 States and D.C.	Number of Persons in Household:							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Monthly Coupon Allotment:							
	\$48	\$90	\$128	\$162	\$192	\$222	\$250	\$278
Monthly Net Income	Monthly Purchase Requirement:							
\$ 0 to 19.99	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
20 to 29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
40 to 49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
50 to 59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
60 to 69.99	10	12	13	13	14	14	15	16
70 to 79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
80 to 89.99	14	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
90 to 99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	26
100 to 109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
110 to 119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
120 to 129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
130 to 139.99	27	32	33	34	36	37	38	39
140 to 149.99	30	35	36	37	39	40	41	42
150 to 169.99	33	38	40	41	42	43	44	45
170 to 189.99	36	44	46	47	48	49	50	51
190 to 209.99	36	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
210 to 229.99	38	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
230 to 249.99		62	64	65	66	67	68	69
250 to 269.99		68	70	71	72	73	74	75
270 to 289.99		70	76	77	78	79	80	81
290 to 309.99		70	82	83	84	85	86	87
310 to 329.99			88	89	90	91	92	93
330 to 359.99			94	95	96	97	98	99
360 to 389.99			100	104	105	106	107	108
390 to 419.99			109	113	114	115	116	117
420 to 449.99			110	122	123	124	125	126
450 to 479.99				131	132	133	134	135
480 to 509.99				138	141	142	143	144
510 to 539.99				138	150	151	152	153
540 to 569.99				138	159	160	161	162
570 to 599.99					164	169	170	171
600 to 629.99					164	178	179	180
630 to 659.99					164	187	188	189
660 to 689.99						190	197	198
690 to 719.99						190	206	207
720 to 749.99						190	214	216
750 to 779.99							214	225
780 to 809.99							214	234
810 to 839.99							214	238
840 to 869.99								238
870 to 899.99								238
900 to 929.99								238

For each additional household member over 8, add \$22 to the 8-person allotment.

For each additional household member over eight, add \$73 to the eight-person eligibility level.

The tables on page 3 give coupon allotments and purchase requirements for all household sizes in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Separate tables for Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam were published May 13 in the Federal Register.

AMENDMENT CALLS FOR STATE OUTREACH COORDINATORS

STATE AGENCIES WILL be required to take effective "outreach" action using a full-time State outreach coordinator, under a new amendment to the food stamp program regulations.

States now have outreach programs and submit annual outreach plans. Judge Miles Lord of the U.S. District Court of Minnesota ordered the Department to review annual State outreach plans in 19 States, assess their implementation, and provide remedial action where necessary. USDA's review and assessment of the plans demonstrated the desirability of having full-time State outreach coordinators.

INCOME POVERTY GUIDELINES SET FOR 1975-76 SCHOOL YEAR

THE INCOME POVERTY guidelines for the 1975-76 school year will be about 11 percent higher than those for 1974-75, as a result of the annual adjustment based on Consumer Price Index figures.

These guidelines are used in determining which children are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches and breakfasts, and free milk. All schools participating in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, or Special Milk Programs or receiving federally donated foods must serve free meals and free milk to all children from families at or below the income levels set by the guidelines.

Using USDA's national guidelines, each State educational agency sets income poverty guidelines for that State's schools. State guidelines cannot be lower than the national levels, but can be up to 25 percent higher for free meals and milk, and up to 75 percent higher for reduced-price meals.

The following table shows the 1975-76 income poverty guidelines for the 48 States, District of Columbia, and Territories. Guidelines are higher for Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam because of higher living costs in those areas.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>USDA Guidelines-- Minimum Level for Free Meals, Milk</u>
One	\$ 2,580
Two	3,390
Three	4,200
Four	5,010
Five	5,750
Six	6,490
Seven	7,160
Eight	7,830
Nine	8,440
Ten	9,050
Eleven	9,650
Twelve	10,250
Each additional family member	600

FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY UNAFFECTED BY TAX REBATES

THE INCOME TAX rebates and special payments provided for in the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 will have no effect on the eligibility of food stamp participants. The law provides refunds on 1974 individual income taxes and a special \$50 payment to recipients of social security, railroad retirement, and SSI benefits. However, it specifies that these refunds and special payments shall not be counted as income or resources for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of benefits received under any federal assistance program.

FOOD PROGRAM PEOPLE

P. ROYAL SHIPP, the Director of the Food Stamp Division in FNS, has been designated Acting Deputy Administrator for Program Operations.

Dr. Shipp previously served as Assistant Deputy Administrator for Program Operations for FNS. From 1968 to 1973, he was an analyst and budget examiner for food stamps, public assistance, Federal housing programs, and revenue sharing in the Office of Management and Budget. He was an economist for the Federal Reserve System from 1964 to 1968.

After receiving his B.S. in business management from the University of Utah, Dr. Shipp earned his master's degree and doctorate, both in business administration, from Indiana University.

HAROLD MCLEAN, DEPUTY Director of the Food Distribution Division, has been named Director of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children--WIC.

Mr. McLean joined FNS in August 1961 as Deputy Director of FDD and has been

serving as Acting Director of WIC.

CHARLES A. BUCY has been selected as Assistant to Earl Hunigan, FNS Deputy Administrator for Management. Mr. Bucy will be involved in planning, directing, and coordinating major projects which deal with improving management of FNS.

Mr. Bucy has been with USDA since 1962. He served as Chief, State Agency Operations Branch, Food Stamp Division, from February 1969 to February 1975.

NEW RELEASES

Food Stamp Handbook for Volunteers (FNS-1). This updated, pocket-sized guide provides suggestions on ways volunteers can help low-income households participate in the food stamp program. It includes sections on "Getting Started," "Volunteer Role," "This is the Food Stamp Program," "Food Stamp Rights and Responsibilities," and "Resource Material."

Copies are available from the Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20240.

